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Guide to the

Genet family papers

ca. 1719-1925

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Summary

Creator: Genet family

Title: Genet family papers

Date: ca. 1719-1925

Size: .8 linear feet (3 boxes)

Source: Purchase, transfer, French Book Corp.; Ford Collection, 1940

Abstract: Edmond Charles Genet (1763-1834), known as "Citizen Genet," was the first Minister of the French Republic to the United States. He later became a United States citizen and settled in New York State. Collection consists of land papers, correspondence, family records, photographs, and printed matter. Deeds, leases and other documents relate to the Genet family property in New York City and in Rensselaer and Chenango Counties, N.Y., ca. 1719-1851. Correspondence among Genet family members concerns primarily family matters, including genealogy and land owned by family members, early 19th century to ca. 1925. Miscellaneous Genet family accounts, receipts, stock certificates, clippings, broadsides, photographs, and legal documents date from the 19th to the early 20th century. Also, account book, 1827-1831; school book containing notes on geometry; miscellaneous fragments of essays; drafts of two letters, 1847, addressed to "Dear Brother" from John Jackson; drawings; early 19th century letters; bills, accounts, land papers, and miscellaneous documents of Edmond Charles Genet; and letters to his wife Cornelia Clinton Genet from her father George Clinton.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Broadsides
Photographic prints

Occupations

Diplomats

Subjects

Geometry -- Study and teaching -- United States
Real property -- New York (State)
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Geographic Names

New York (State) -- Social life and customs

Names

Genet family
Clinton, George, 1739-1812
Genet, Cornelia Clinton
Genet, Edmond Charles, 1763-1834
Jackson, John